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National Situation Report

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Homeland Security Threat Level:

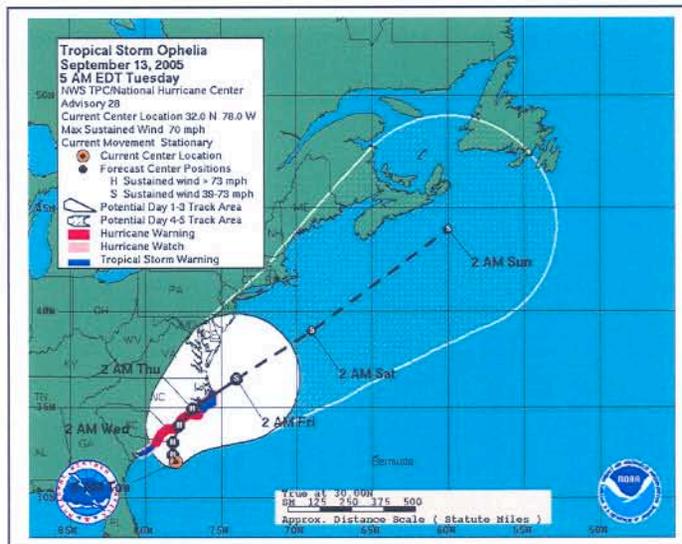
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Slow-Moving Tropical Storm Ophelia Heading Towards the Carolinas

At 5:00 am EDT on Tuesday September 13, the center of Tropical Storm Ophelia was located near latitude 32.0 north and longitude 78.0 west, or about 130 miles east-southeast of Charleston, South Carolina and about 150 miles south of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Ophelia is currently nearly stationary. A slow motion toward the northwest and north is expected later today.

Maximum sustained winds are near 70 mph with higher gusts. Ophelia has the potential to regain hurricane strength during the next 24 hours. Tropical Storm force winds extend outward up to 160 miles from the center. Ophelia's strongest winds are located relatively far from the center (approximately 50-60 miles). These winds will reach the coastline well in advance of the center. Latest minimum central pressure reported was 990 mb (29.23 inches).



A hurricane warning remains in effect from the south Santee River, SC to Cape Lookout, NC. A hurricane watch has been issued from north of Cape Lookout to Oregon Inlet, NC, including Pamlico Sound. A tropical storm warning and a hurricane watch are now in effect north of Cape Lookout to Oregon Inlet, including the Pamlico Sound, NC.

Storm surge flooding of 4-6 feet above normal tide levels along with large and dangerous battering waves are possible in areas of onshore winds in association with Ophelia. The storm is expected to

produce total rainfall accumulations of 6-10 inches over far northeastern SC and eastern NC with possible isolated maximum rainfall amounts of 15 inches over eastern NC. (*National Hurricane Center*)

Ophelia Prompts States of Emergency in Virginia and North Carolina

Local, State, and Federal officials continue to monitor the progress of Ophelia and continue to maintain a high state of readiness. The Governor of Virginia has declared a State of Emergency and activated the State EOC. The Governor of North Carolina has also declared a State of Emergency and activated 200 National Guard soldiers to report to staging areas. The Governor also ordered a mandatory evacuation of non-residents from Ocracoke Island on the Outer Banks. The Governor of North Carolina has requested an Emergency Declaration from the President as a result of anticipated damages from Ophelia. FEMA has deployed a Medical Needs Assessment Team (MNAT), 3 Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs), and one Strike Team to Ft. Gillem, GA. A Management Support Team (MST) has been deployed to Charlotte, NC.

FEMA Region IV has staffed two Emergency Response Teams-Advance Elements (ERT-As) for deployment to South Carolina and North Carolina. Additionally State Liaison Officers are located at the State EOCs in SC, GA, and NC. Region IV is planning for the staffing of two RNA teams for the Atlantic area. (*FEMA HQ, FEMA Region III and IV*)

Weather Forecast for the U.S.

South: Hurricane Ophelia brought heavy rain and gusty winds to the Carolinas Coast on Monday. The forecast is for additional rain accompanied by 50 mph winds on Tuesday. Ophelia is expected to bring heavy rainfall (2-5 inches) and up to 8 inches in some areas. Windy weather is expected to cause heavy surf and rip currents on the Mid-Atlantic coastal areas. There may be some isolated rainfall in parts of Texas and Oklahoma on Tuesday. The remaining areas of the South will experience dry weather with hot temperatures in the 80s-90s.

Midwest: Strong thunderstorms are forecast for large portions of the Midwest on Tuesday in the region from Upper Michigan to northeast Kansas and extending into Texas and Oklahoma. Most of the Midwest will be changing to cooler weather starting on Tuesday as the cold front moves eastward on Wednesday and Thursday. Highs in the area by Friday will be in the 60s-70s.

Northeast: Temperatures in the Northeast will be hot and sunny for most parts of the region on Tuesday with highs in the 70s in Maine, 80s in the Mid-Atlantic area, and 90s in Boston. However, the cold front moving eastward from the Ohio Valley and Hurricane Ophelia moving northward along the Atlantic Coast will bring cooler, wetter, and windier weather by week's end to most parts of the region.

West: On Tuesday, most areas in the West will experience dry weather, except for some thunderstorms in Colorado. Snow showers are expected in the higher elevations of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. Some areas will experience temperature fluctuations from 20s in the morning to 50s later in the day. Highs in the West will range from the 50s in Wyoming to the 90s in the southwestern desert area. Most of the region will be dry from Tuesday through Saturday. (*National Weather Service, Media Sources*)

Wildfire Update

National Preparedness Level: 4 (on a scale of 1 to 5)

Current Situation: Activity was light nationally with 124 fires reported. No new large fires were reported. Three large fires were contained, one in the Northwest Area, and two in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Fire Weather Watch: For southern Nevada from noon to 9 pm for gusty winds and low relative humidity.

Weather Discussion: A large low pressure trough will remain over the West. With this system weakening, winds should begin to decrease. Precipitation will also begin to diminish and be mainly confined to the northern Great Basin and Northern Rockies. Along the Gulf coast, it will be mostly sunny with highs in the lower 90s. *(National Interagency Fire Center)*

Other Tropical Cyclone Activity

There are currently no storm systems in the Eastern and Central Pacific or Western Pacific that pose any threat to any U.S. interests. *(National Hurricane Center, Joint Typhoon Warning Center)*

Earthquake Activity

During the past 24 hours there have been minor earthquakes reported in Hawaii, Kenai Peninsula (Alaska), southern Alaska, the Aleutian Islands (Alaska), Mount Saint Helens (Washington), and Nevada. No reports of any damages or injuries. *(USGS National Earthquake Information Center)*

Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs)

No new activity to report. *(FEMA HQ)*

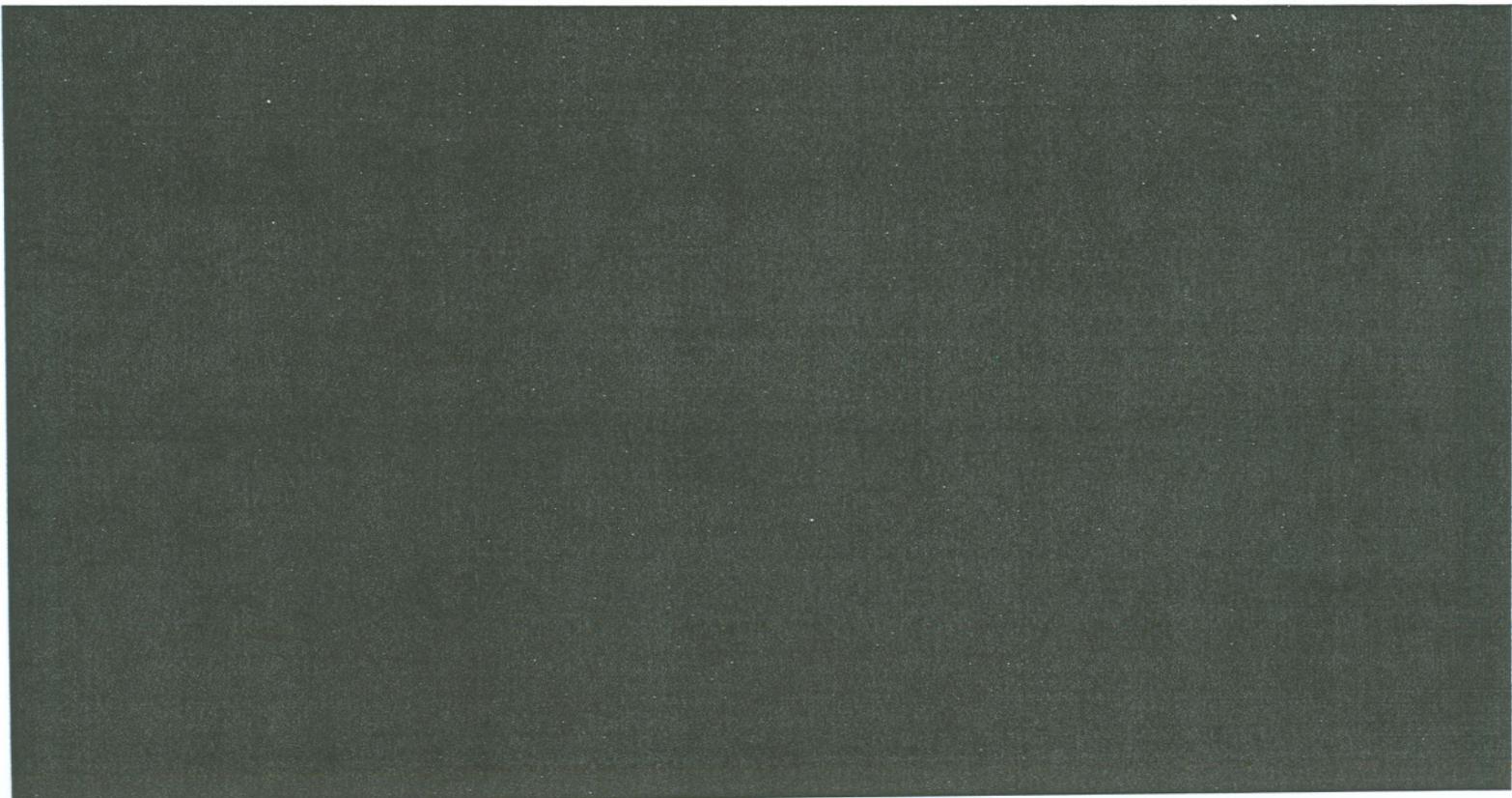
Disaster Declaration Activity

The following two states received Emergency Declarations that were declared by the President on September 12, 2005 for Hurricane Katrina Evacuations. FEMA is authorized to provide Public Assistance Category B (emergency protective measures), including direct Federal assistance, at 100 percent Federal funding:

FEMA-3240-EM for the Commonwealth of Virginia, assistance for all 95 counties and 40 independent cities in the Commonwealth.

FEMA-3241-EM for the State of Arizona, assistance for all 15 counties in the state. *(FEMA HQ)*

FEMA Readiness Alert Status:



Disaster Teleregistration Activity Chart

DR	Incident Type	09/11/05	Cumulative
1605-AL	Hurricane Katrina	2,262	38,057
1604-MS	Hurricane Katrina	20,260	158,378
1603-LA	Hurricane Katrina	54,158	540,613
1599-WY	Tornado	1	246
1595-FL	Hurricane Dennis	10	40,041
1593-AL	Hurricane Dennis	0	13,943
Total		76,691	791,278

Joint Field Operations as of September 12, 2005



DISASTER DECLARATIONS (13)

1605-AL

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1604-MS

FCO: William Carwile
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1603-LA

FCO: William Lokey
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1601-LA

FCO: Sandra Coachman
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1600-KS

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Closing September 23, 2005

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Closing September 15, 2005

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3212-LA

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